

Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership
Study Session

Date: August 26, 2011

Time: 7:00am to 8:30am

Members Present: Ryan Adams, David Elliott, Kevin Fitz, Suzanne Greive, James Hughes, Carmen Moore, Paul Smith, Lindsay White, Judy Coover, Lynn Wallace, Bryan Suter

Excused Absentees: Mark Minium, Bob Ewing

Staff Attendees: None

Guests: J.J. Greive

Discussion of comments made at Monday, August 22nd City Council Study Session:

- Police review of crime statistics. Calls are up since Area X annexation however Area Y is similar to Burien currently.
- There's no known gang hub in Area Y compared to Seattle or Kent
- Financials report: the city budget will hit the wall in 2013 without annexation; with annexation and the additional revenue from the state that wall moves to 2023. Concerns regarding Olympia going into Special Session for additional expense reduction.

Comments from participants:

- There seems to be no compelling reasons from an Economic Development standpoint to support annexation
- Fiscal report doesn't adequately represent B & O Taxes
- City hasn't communicated an adequate financial plan that can support a larger community
- City has expressed their inability to effectively work with the minority business community
- Encourage structured conversations with property owners, business and community leaders
- Concerns expressed about City's stewardship of the overlay project

If annexation moves forward BEDP would like to see a plan of action regarding economic development. Plan should include:

- Communication with Area Y community regarding taxation, what's the Plan B, if state funding falls below projections
- How are social services going to be funded for an area with significant need?
- How does the City get to a revenue neutral position?
- What is the worst case scenario regarding the financials and what is the plan to address should that scenario begin to arise?

- This is the largest commitment that the city has made in its history with the least amount of public comment (public process). The City has a larger responsibility to the existing businesses than to the unincorporated area.
- Why is King County not bringing some of their savings funds to the table to encourage annexation for the City?

Update received on the status of Wah Long's liquor license renewal. The committee will look to review the city's nuisance business policy in a future study session.

Invitation extended to committee members to participate in the Corridor Committee for the Rapid Ride F Line on September 14th, follow up with Lisa Clausen for additional information.

Discussion of 153rd revitalization project: primary concern is parking and reaching out to high impact businesses such as Angelo's for comment. Follow up meeting is scheduled for August 30th in the evening.

BEDP's quarterly report was presented and submitted on August 15th.

Next meeting is Friday, September 9th at 7am Burien City Hall